



UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF ANOKA
Providing Hope to Our Community

Welcome to Worship!

Sunday, August 24, 2025

“Be Set Free!”

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: Being in Relationship

Summer Music: Marilyn Perry, Cello Soloist

***Please stand as you are able.**

PRELUDE

Melodia da Chiesa by G.F. Handel

WELCOME

Pastor Karen Evenson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Jeremiah 1 and Psalm 71)*

Leader: The word of God comes to us:

All: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

Leader: The word of God comes to us:

All: “I appointed you to speak my word.”

Leader: We may believe we are too young, or too old,

All: too tall or too short,

Leader: too loud or too quiet,

All: too ignorant or too cynical.

Leader: Still, the word of God comes to us.

All: Still, we have come here, to worship,

Leader: where we can listen more closely

All: so we can speak more faithfully.

May our mouths be filled with God’s praise, and with God’s glory all day long.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you: faithful with our time and energy; faithful with our possessions and wealth. Receive us today by your grace. Multiply and use us by and through the power of the Holy Spirit to make real your reign of love, justice, and peace in our world. Amen.

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God (UMH 102)

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Lord Most Holy by C. Franck
Marilyn Perry, Cello Soloist

KIDS MESSAGE *(Kids of all ages are invited to come up front for a kid-friendly message)*

MOMENT TO SHARE THE STORY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* (UMH 369)

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 13:10-17** (NRSVUE)

MESSAGE **“Be Set Free!”**
Pastor Karen Evenson

OFFERING *Prayer* by Franz Schubert
Marilyn Perry, Cello Soloist

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (UMH 94)

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord’s Prayer* by A.H. Malotte
Marilyn Perry, Cello Soloist

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN** *Go Now in Peace* (UMH 665; 3x as a round)

PASSING PEACE TO ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE

From one to another, “May God’s peace be with you (and also with you).”

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *For All The Saints* by R. Vaughan Williams

August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Luke 14:1,7-14
“Every...Single...Day”
Message by Pastor Karen Evenson
Summer Music: UMCA Kids



Worship Hospitality Team

Choral Conductor ~ George Chu
Coffee/Donut Steward ~ Cindy and Jim DeRuyter
Congregational Care Coordinator ~ Sue Buckland
Greeters ~ Don and Lavonne Erickson
Music Ensembles ~ *To be prayerfully determined*
Nursery Coordinator and Volunteer ~ Amanda Harris and Sarah Dhein
Organist ~ Marilyn Tice
Pastor ~ Rev. Karen Evenson
Praise Team Coordinator ~ Kelvin Paye
Scripture Reader ~ Nancy Jo Mattson
Summer Children's Music ~ Evie Fischer and Margaret Ekstrum
Ushers ~ David Blincow, Gail Sanstad, Ian Wallin, Joyce Buffington, Roxy Crane, and Mark Worst
Welcome Center ~ Colleen Capuzzi
Worship Tech ~ Dallas Berry

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

UMCA Office Hours: 10:00am - 2:00pm ~ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Or by appointment, please contact us at:

Phone: 763-421-2378 | Email: umcanoka@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 26, 2025	7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	10:00am New Testament Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Potluck 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 28, 2025	8:00am Thursday Book Group at Bakers Square 9:30am Bring Your Bible ~ In-Person & Zoom
Friday, August 29, 2025	9:00am Women's Breakfast at Bakers Square
Sunday, August 31, 2025	SUNDAY SERVICE AND MUSIC SUNDAY 9:30am Worship (In-Person & Online) 9:45am Summer Children's Music Performance

Please contact the office to get connected to any of the Groups or Zoom meetings

AUGUST

Ministry Highlight of the Month:



Impact Services provides [Meals on Wheels services](#) to twenty-three communities in Anoka and Hennepin County. We serve our neighbors at nutritional risk:

- People unable to cook for themselves
- People unable to grocery shop for food
- People at risk of harm to self, others or structures if they were to cook

WORSHIP NOTES:

Scan QR Code to connect to our website for more information on the church, to donate, or view our weekly bulletin:

